

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – OCTOBER 2, 2020

TAMIL NADU

- On October 1, Tamil Nadu chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami - launched the one nation one ration card scheme in the state



- ✓ The scheme will be implemented initially in 32 districts.
- ✓ It will be launched in the other six districts - Madurai, Ramanathapuram, Thanjavur, Thoothukudi, Tiruvannamalai and Virudhunagar - from October 16.
- ✓ At present, the portability of ration cards is intra-state.
- ✓ The state government will roll out the inter-state card scheme soon for the benefit of several lakh migrant families/workers in the state, under the Centre's Integrated Management of Public Distribution System
- ✓ For this purpose, the civil supplies department will create an option in the TNPDS web portal to enable people from other states working in Tamil Nadu to register to draw food commodities under the PDS system.
- ✓ The intra-state portability would facilitate more than 2 crore ration cardholders within the state to get the entitled food grains from any PDS outlet under the National Food Security Act, 2013
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has been distributing essential items to beneficiaries with smart cards since April 1, 2017.

- ✓ Earlier, the state government had computerized the public distribution system operations at a cost of ₹330 crore
- ✓ The intra-state portability of the ration cards, as part of the Centre's One Nation One Ration Card policy, was launched in Tuticorin and Tirunelveli on a pilot basis on February 1.
- **A new administrative circle of the Archaeological Survey of India - came into existence in Tiruchi on October 1.**
- ✓ It will have 162 monuments and sites under its control having jurisdiction over 20 central and southern districts
- ✓ The Tiruchi Circle was created by bifurcating the ASI's Chennai Circle
- ✓ It is one of the seven new circles of the ASI created across the country to improve management of monuments by the Union Ministry of Culture.
- **Five police officers - will be awarded Gandhi Adigal Police Medals for their work in checking illicit liquor trade in the state.**
- ✓ The officers include –
 - ✓ T Magudeeswari, inspector, prohibition enforcement wing, Mount, south zone, Greater Chennai Police,
 - ✓ M Latha, inspector, prohibition enforcement wing, Musiri, Trichy,
 - ✓ N Selvaraju, sub-inspector, central investigation unit, Salem Zone,
 - ✓ S Shunmuganathan, head constable, Srivilliputtur Taluk police station, on-duty at prohibition enforcement wing, DSP office, Virudhunagar and
 - ✓ S Rajasekaran, head constable, Kilkodungallur police station on duty at Central Investigation Unit, Tiruvannamalai.
- ✓ The medals will be handed over by the chief minister on January 26, 2021.
- ✓ The awardees will also be presented with a cash award of ₹40,000 along with the medal.
- **On October 1, Tamil Nadu – reported 5,688 fresh Covid-19 infections, to take its cumulative casecount over the six lakh mark to 6,03,290**
- ✓ A total of 66 died of the viral infection taking the overall death count in the state to 9,586.
- ✓ With the discharge of 5,516 persons on the day after the treatment, the state has 46,369 active cases.
- ✓ So far, 5,47,335 persons have been discharged in the State.
- ✓ Chennai continued to report the maximum number of cases (1,289) and deaths (18).
- ✓ The three neighbouring districts of Chengalpet (356), Kancheepuram (148) and Tiruvallur (260) together reported 764 cases and 12 deaths.
- ✓ After Chennai, Coimbatore reported 550 fresh cases and 8 deaths, while Thanjavur reported 232 new cases

- ✓ The state tested 87,647 samples on the day across its network of 187 labs, which includes 66 in the government sector.
- ✓ The total number of samples tested has gone up to 74,41,697.

NATIONAL

- **On October 1, India – received the brand new VVIP flight for the president, vice-president and the prime minister at Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi, straight from the Boeing Defence base in the US.**
- ✓ The flight has been undergoing retrofit in the U.S. for more than two years and its delivery has been delayed by three months due to lockdown restrictions in US
- ✓ The Boeing 777, with state-of-the-art communication and defence systems, is likely to operate its first VVIP flight in November.
- ✓ The aircraft is one of the two Boeing 777-300 ERs which joined Air India's fleet in 2018
- ✓ The two aircrafts were sent to Dallas Fort Worth in Texas, Boeing's headquarters, for retrofit for flying the VVIPs.
- ✓ The second aircraft is likely to return by October-end.

FLIES 17 HRS NON-STOP

- The Boeing 777s' security systems can jam and destroy hostile incoming missiles
- They have encrypted communications facilities
- They can fly non-stop for 17 hrs, from India to almost any place on earth
- Among the facilities are spacious cabins with bedrooms, a mini-hospital, a conference room and seats for officials accompanying the PM, Prez or the VP



- ✓ For more than 25 years now, Boeing 747s of Air India have been used to fly dignitaries across the world under the name of 'AI One'.
- ✓ They will now be replaced by the two B777s.
- ✓ Four pilots of Air India flew the B777 nonstop from Fort Worth, Texas, to Delhi, covering a distance of about 13,000km in just over 15 hours.
- ✓ Air India Captain Himanshu Tiwari was the commander of the plane who flew it from the U.S. to India.
- ✓ AI has deployed 10 to 15 of its most experienced B777 pilots to operate the two VVIP aircrafts.
- ✓ In the meantime, IAF personnel will be trained to operate the flight and will eventually take over the operations

- ✓ The Civil Aviation Ministry is in the process of moving a Cabinet note on the transfer of ownership of the two planes from Air India to the Indian Air Force
 - ✓ The government has paid Air India ₹4,632 crore towards the cost of these planes.
 - ✓ The new VVIP plane is likely to be named as 'India One'
 - ✓ India One will be the most modern and sophisticated VVIP aircraft in the world.
 - ✓ They can fly from Delhi nonstop to almost any place on earth, unlike the earlier Jumbos that need a stopover in Europe while flying between India and the Americas
- **India - has recorded 'above normal' monsoon rainfall for the second consecutive year and this is only the second such instance since 1958.**
- ✓ The country had witnessed 'above normal' rainfall last time in 1958 (110% of long period average) and 1959 (114% of long period average).
 - ✓ During the 2020 south-west (summer) monsoon, the country had recorded nearly 9% surplus rainfall (109% of LPA) against the long period average of 88cm based on data of 1961-2010
 - ✓ Quantitatively, the rainfall during the June 1-September 30 period had been 95.8 cm.
 - ✓ The all India seasonal rainfall this year was quantitatively third highest in the past 30 years, after 112% of long period average (LPA) in 1994 and 110% of LPA in 2019.
 - ✓ The distribution of seasonal rainfall during the June-September period was also not uniform.
 - ✓ The country had recorded the highest 127% of LPA rainfall in August, while July was a deficit month with 90% of LPA.
 - ✓ The monsoon rainfall has to be between 96-104% of LPA to be considered as 'normal' and between 104-110% of the LPA to be described as 'above normal'.
 - ✓ A developing La Nina, the converse of an El Nino, which is a heating of the central equatorial Pacific and responsible for diminished monsoon rain over India, too, contributed to more rains this year
 - ✓ The IMD's first stage forecast for the seasonal rainfall over the country as a whole, issued in April, was 100% of LPA with a model error of $\pm 5\%$ of LPA.
 - ✓ The forecast was, however, upgraded to 102% of LPA with a model error of $\pm 4\%$ of LPA in the IMD's update in May end.
 - ✓ The IMD also predicted a probability of 65% of monsoon rainfall to be 'normal' to 'above normal'.
 - ✓ Of the 36 meteorological subdivisions that the IMD has partitioned the country into, 12 recorded 'excess' rain and 17 recorded 'normal' rain.
 - ✓ Only five divisions posted 'deficient rain'.
 - ✓ The 'above normal' rainfall turned out to be very positive for the kharif (summer sown) crops.
 - ✓ Based on the predictions of 'above normal' rainfall, the agriculture ministry has set a record target of 301 million tonnes of foodgrains for the 2020-21 crop year.

- **The ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) - has redefined the ideal or reference Indian adult man and woman with regard to age to 19-39 years instead of 20-39 years.**
- ✓ The body weight has been fixed at 65 kg for men and 55 kg for women as against 60 kg and 50 kg earlier respectively.
- ✓ This is based on the latest national representative data available with the National Family Health Survey-4 (NFHS-4, 2015-16), National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (NNMB, 2015-16), the World Health Organisation (WHO, 2006-07) and the Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP 2015)
- ✓ The new standards were based on the 'Recommended Dietary Allowances' and 'Nutrient Requirements' report prepared by NIN
- ✓ The report aims to "derive acceptable reference body weight values through the lifespan".
- ✓ In the report, the Hyderabad-based NIN recommends dietary allowances and nutrient requirements for Indians
- ✓ It includes Estimated Average Requirements (EARs) and Tolerable Upper Limits of nutrients for the first time.
- ✓ The 'Recommended Dietary Allowances' (RDA) is the daily dietary nutrient intake levels which would be sufficient to meet the nutrient requirements of nearly all healthy individuals
- ✓ The 'Estimated Average Requirements' (EAR) is the average daily nutrient intake levels of the population.
- ✓ The cereal-legume-milk composition of the diet for a moderately active man has been improved to 3:1:2.5
- ✓ Earlier, the composition stood at 11:1:3 within a given low cost window to meet daily protein requirements.
- ✓ Visible fat intake for sedentary, moderate and heavy activity has been set at 25 gm, 30 gm and 40 gm a day for adult man and 20 gm, 25 gm and 30 gm a day for adult women as against the single level recommended earlier.
- ✓ For the first time, fiber based on energy intake was recommended and the level of about 40 gm/2000 kcal has been considered as safe intake.
- ✓ For carbohydrates, the EAR has been set at 100 gm/day for ages 1 and above with a RDA of 130 gm/day.
- ✓ With regard to sodium due to emerging concerns on prevalence of hypertension a safe intake of 2000 mg/day which amounts to 5 gm/day of salt is recommended; while an intake of 3,510 mg/day is recommended for potassium.
- ✓ For children, the requirement is greater than 60 ml per kg body mass and for adolescent boys it ranges from 47-60 ml per kg body mass, while, for girls it is 39-49 ml per kg body mass.
- **The three labour law codes passed by Parliament last week - received President Ram Nath Kovind's assent on September 28**
- ✓ The Law Ministry has notified the laws in the gazette on September 29.

- ✓ The Bills were passed by the Lok Sabha on September 22 and the Rajya Sabha on September 23
 - ✓ The three bills includes - The Industrial Relations Code, 2020; the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020; and the Code of Social Security, 2020
 - ✓ These bills are the part of government's labour reform agenda
 - ✓ Accordingly, all the existing labour laws are brought into four labour codes - on wages, industrial relations, social security and safety, health and working conditions
- **On October 1, India – reported 84,176 fresh Covid-19 infections and 1,102 deaths**
- ✓ With this, the country's caseload had climbed to 63,90,798 while the casualties remain at 99,730, just short of the one lakh mark
 - ✓ The country has 9.5 lakh 'active cases' while 53.3 lakh persons have recovered from the viral infection.
 - ✓ Andhra Pradesh became the second state after Maharashtra to record a total caseload of over 7 lakh, after adding 6,751 fresh infections on the day
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu went past the 6-lakh mark while Uttar Pradesh crossed 4 lakh in total cases and Kerala topped 2 lakh.
 - ✓ Kerala reported 8,135 new cases, breaching the 8,000 mark for the second consecutive day
 - ✓ Karnataka reported 10,070 new Covid-19 cases, registering the second highest cases in the country, after Maharashtra.
 - ✓ Maharashtra added the maximum of 16,476 cases and 394 fatalities on the day.

INTERNATIONAL

- **Alphabet's Google - plans to pay \$1 billion to publishers globally for their news over the next three years**
- ✓ This was announced by its CEO Sundar Pichai on October 1
 - ✓ News publishers have long fought the world's most popular internet search engine for compensation for using their content, with European media groups leading the charge.
 - ✓ According to Pichai, the new product will be called 'Google News Showcase'
 - ✓ It will be launched first in Germany, where Google has signed up German newspapers including Der Spiegel, Stern, Die Zeit, and in Brazil with Folha de S.Paulo, Band and Infobae.
 - ✓ The initiative will also be rolled out in Belgium, India, the Netherlands and other countries.
 - ✓ About 200 publishers in Argentina, Australia, Britain, Brazil, Canada and Germany have signed up to the product.

- ✓ The product, which allows publishers to pick and present their stories, will be launched on Google News on Android devices and eventually on Apple devices.

PERSONALITIES

- **Shreya Sen-Handley - becomes the first Indian woman to write libretto for an opera named 'Migrations' by the Welsh National Opera (WNO)**



- ✓ Till now, only two Indians — author Amit Chaudhari and poet Jeet Thayil — have written librettos (texts for opera)
- ✓ Sen-Handley, who grew up both in India and abroad, has worked in India as a news producer and is now settled in the UK
- ✓ Migrations is a multi-cultural and international stage production in English, set to contemporary music.
- ✓ It will now come to theatres next year.
- ✓ Sen-Handley now has got contract to write librettos for two more operas for the WNO.
- ✓ In Migrations, Sen-Handley tells the tale of two Indian doctors in the late 1960s who left India for the UK with dreams of a better life.
- ✓ They join the National Health Society of UK in the midst of anti-immigration protests and often end up treating the protestors who ironically don't want any Indian doctors in the UK.
- ✓ Migrations talks about racial biases and also about rising intolerance, xenophobia and climate change which are driving migration in today's world.
- ✓ Sir David Pountney, director of the opera, conceived the opera 'Migrations' in 2020 because it marks the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower, taking a group of English refugees to the US.
- ✓ 'Migrations' has a cast of 100, including a gospel choir, a children's chorus, Bollywood dancers, refugees and soloists from across the world.

- **Sanjay Kumar Satapathy, an Odia professor from Ravenshaw University - has won a copyright licence from the Centre for conceptualizing a fourth monkey that stands for 'think no evil'**



- ✓ The fourth monkey follows the three monkeys popularised by the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi
- ✓ The three monkeys represent 'speak no evil', 'see no evil' and 'hear no evil'
- ✓ Sanjay Kumar Satapathy, the dean of School of Commerce and Management, Ravenshaw University, has got the licence for writing a book on the fourth monkey.
- ✓ He had applied for the copyright in July.
- ✓ It is believed that the concept is connected to the noble eightfold path of Buddhism.
- ✓ As per Satapathy, the idea of the fourth monkey came to his mind way back in 1995 when he was addressing a gathering in New Delhi to mark the 125th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- ✓ The United Nations was observing the year as the 'Year of Tolerance' and Unesco had instituted a prize for the promotion of tolerance and non-violence.
- ✓ Satapathy has also received the Hind Ratna Award in 2015 from the NRI Welfare Society and the Centre for his representation of the fourth monkey again during a ceremony held in New Delhi.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSSAHER) in Mysuru – to carry out human trials of Novavax, another COVID-19 vaccine candidate developed by a U.S.-based company**
- ✓ The institute has already begun phase three of the clinical trials for vaccine candidate Covishield at its facility in Mysuru
- ✓ Covishield is the vaccine candidate developed by Oxford University and multi-national pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca
- ✓ It is also been approached the human trials of Russia's vaccine Sputnik V, which has tied up with the Hyderabad-based Dr. Reddy's Laboratories for the manufacturing

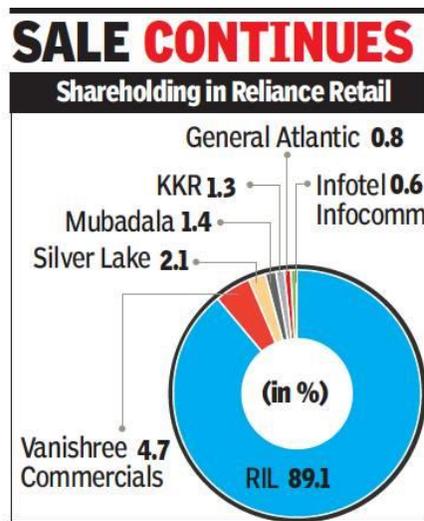
- ✓ Novavax, the U.S.-based biotechnology company, has entered into a manufacturing pact with the Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII)
- ✓ The institute has also taken up human trials to study the efficacy of BCG, the anti-tuberculosis vaccine, against Covid-19

DEFENCE

- **On October 1, the Ministry of Defence - signed a ₹409 crore contract with an Indian private firm for the supply of 10 lakh 'multi-mode' modern hand grenades.**
- ✓ The hand grenades were designed by the Terminal Ballistic Research Laboratories (TBRL) of DRDO
- ✓ The technology of grenade manufacturing has been transferred to the company back in 2016 to proceed further
- ✓ The contract for a period of two years was signed with M/s Economic Explosive Ltd (EEL) or the Solar Group of Nagpur.
- ✓ This is the first such contract inked with a domestic private company.
- ✓ In the past, such ammunition products were either imported or made by the state-owned Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) across its network of 41 factories.

ECONOMY

- **Abu Dhabi's sovereign wealth fund, Mubadala Investment Company – has announced an investment of ₹6,248-crore in the retail business of Reliance Industries (RIL)**
- ✓ The deal will translate into a 1.4% stake in Reliance Retail Ventures and will be the first Middle Eastern investment in the RIL subsidiary.

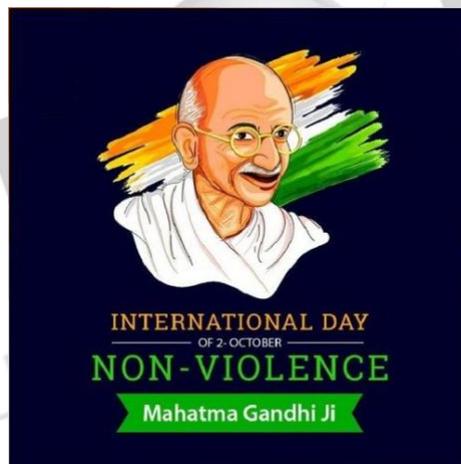


- ✓ Mubadala, with a \$229-billion portfolio, will be the fourth investor in the retail unit after General Atlantic, KKR and Silver Lake in the past 23 days.
- ✓ These funds together have agreed to put in ₹24,798 crore, valuing Reliance Retail at ₹4.3 lakh crore.

- ✓ Reliance Retail is Mubadala's second investment in an RIL unit
- ✓ Earlier, it had invested ₹9,094 crore in the Indian company's digital and telecom services arm Jio Platforms.
- ✓ The four investors in the retail business are the same parties who have invested in Jio Platforms, earlier.
- ✓ Jio Platforms raised ₹1.52 lakh crore from 13 investors — two strategic players and 11 US and Middle Eastern funds.
- ✓ RIL has announced the acquisition of India's second-largest retailer Future Group recently
- ✓ With these measures, RIL is planning to compete with larger online rivals Amazon and Flipkart in the country's \$800- billion retail market
- ✓ More financial investors are expected to be part of RIL's retail unit, which plans to go for an IPO in the next few years.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

➤ International Day of Non-Violence - October 2



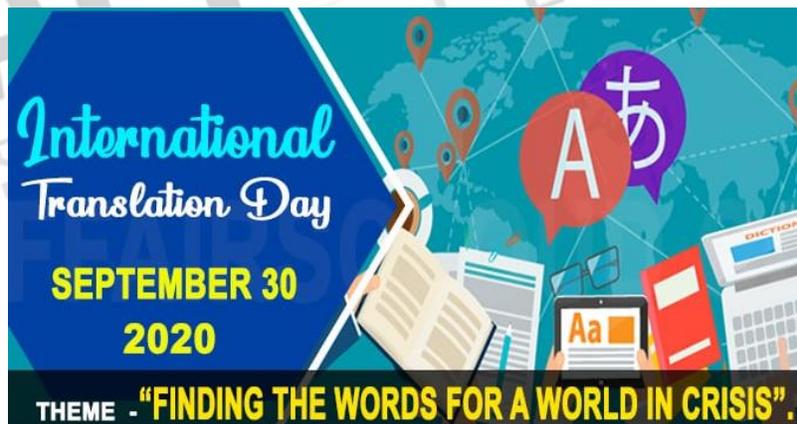
- ✓ The day marks the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Father of the Nation
- ✓ The observance of the day was first announced by the United Nations General Assembly on June 15, 2007
- ✓ Theme 2020 - Shaping Peace Together
- ✓ The day aims to spread the message of non-violence among the countries and their citizens
- ✓ The proposal to observe an International Day of Non-Violence was put forward in January 2004 by an Iranian Nobel laureate Shirin Ebadi.
- ✓ On this occasion, Swachh Bharat Mission was launched in 2014
- ✓ India also celebrated 150 birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in 2019.

➤ International Day of Older Persons – October 1

- ✓ The day highlights the role of health care professionals with respect to health of older persons.
- ✓ It is observed by the United Nations and several other organizations.



- ✓ The United Nations designated October 1 as the International Day of Older Persons in 1990.
 - ✓ The 2020 edition of the day marks its 30th anniversary.
 - ✓ This year's edition is marked as "Year of the Nurse and Midwife"
 - ✓ The United Nations has set a multi-pronged approach under the "Decade of Healthy Ageing" (2020-2030) amid the Covid-19 pandemic to raise awareness about health needs of a person
 - ✓ For the betterment of older persons, Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing was adopted in 1982.
 - ✓ Later, the United Nations Principles for Older Persons was adopted in 1991.
 - ✓ In 2002, Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing was also adopted.
- **International Translation Day – September 30**

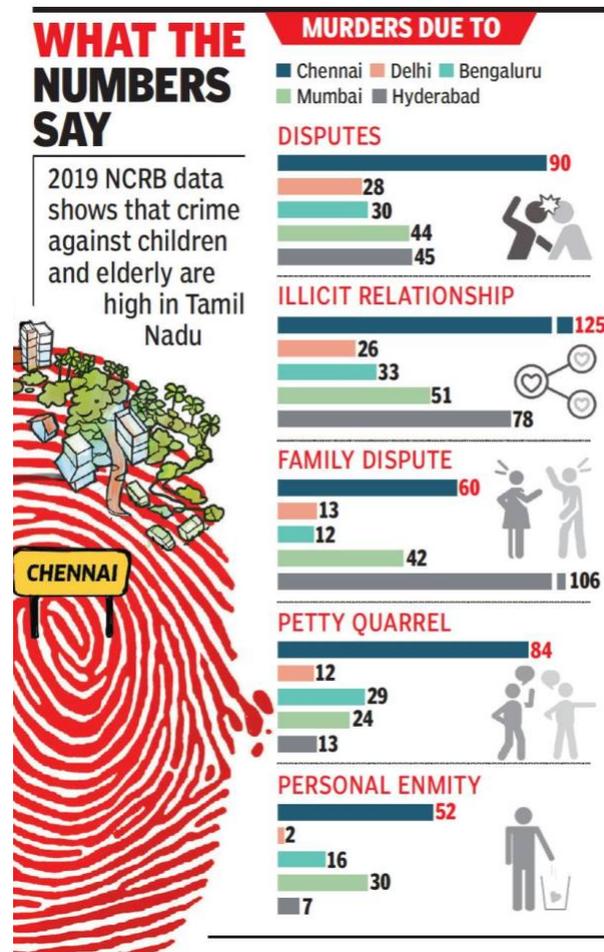


- ✓ The idea behind the observance of the day is to celebrate and appreciate the work of language translation professionals.
- ✓ Theme 2020 - "Finding the words for a world in crisis"
- ✓ The day marks the feast of St Jerome, who belongs to Italy
- ✓ He translated Bible from Greek to Latin manuscripts for the first time on this day.
- ✓ Apart from that, he translated the Hebrew Gospel into Greek.
- ✓ United Nations (UN) passed a resolution in 2017 to celebrate September 30 as the International Translation Day.

- ✓ The idea to observe the day was first mooted by International Federation of Translators (FIT) in 1991 to show solidarity of the worldwide translation community.
- ✓ Eleven countries including the Azerbaijan, Costa Rica, Bangladesh, Belarus, Cuba, Qatar, Ecuador, Turkey, Paraguay, Turkmenistan, and Vietnam – are the signatories of Draft Resolution of 2017 passed by United Nations
- ✓ The FIT is an international grouping of translators, interpreters and terminologists
- ✓ It was established in 1953 and consists of more than 100 professional associations, representing over 80,000 translators in 55 nations.

NCRB'S CRIME REPORT - HIGHLIGHTS

- **Tamil Nadu - reported 177 cases of murder of senior citizens, the second highest in the country**
- ✓ This was revealed by the latest Crime data released by the NCRB
- ✓ Among the metropolitan cities, Chennai topped the list with 10 murders of senior citizens



MISSING CHILDREN

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STATES	GONE MISSING		UNTRACED IN PREVIOUS YRS		TOTAL	
	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS
WB*	1,706	6,499	1,939	5,883	3,645	12,382
MP	2,450	8,572	1,293	4,743	3,743	13,315
Bihar	1,364	5,935	1,201	3,904	2,565	9,839
Tamil Nadu	1,195	3,324	597	698	1,792	4,022
Maharashtra	2,046	2,516	1,649	2,063	3,695	4,579

* Due to non-receipt of data from West Bengal in time for 2019, data furnished for 2018 has been used

CRIME AGAINST CHILDREN

STATES	MURDER	RAPE & MURDER	ATTEMPT TO MURDER	KIDNAPPING	PROCURATION OF MINOR GIRLS
Uttar Pradesh	261	30	5	8,095	0
Maharashtra	163	6	52	11,116	30
MP	140	18	49	9,621	22
Bihar	109	3	257	6,334	1
Karnataka	96	11	17	2,640	58
Tamil Nadu	84	8	15	320	99

CRIME AGAINST SENIOR CITIZENS

STATES	MURDER	ATTEMPT TO MURDER	SIMPLE HURT	GRIEVOUS HURT	THEFT	ROBBERY
Uttar Pradesh	209	16	49	24	44	7
Tamil Nadu	177	56	565	17	569	190
Maharashtra	162	82	978	245	2,051	328
MP	114	49	2,058	161	395	54
Karnataka	76	44	369	36	114	89

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest number of murders of senior citizens, 209.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu has a higher percentage of senior citizens in the country with 11.2%.

- ✓ Further, Madhya Pradesh had the maximum number of 'hurt incidents' against senior citizens with 2,058 cases followed by Maharashtra (978) and Tamil Nadu, 565 cases.
 - ✓ Maharashtra reported 2,051 theft cases involving victims of elderly citizen, followed by Tamil Nadu (569 cases) and Madhya Pradesh with 395 cases.
 - ✓ Chennai is rated at the top of the list of murders committed due to 'illicit' relationships in the year 2019
 - ✓ In 2019, there were 28 such murders in the city
 - ✓ Also, the city is second in the number of murders because of disputes.
 - ✓ Chennai had 90 such cases, preceded by Delhi that had recorded 125 murders.
 - ✓ The Tamil Nadu police had booked 4,866 cases under the Pocso Act for crime against children in 2019, as per NCRB data.
 - ✓ The maximum number of crimes against children was reported from Uttar Pradesh where around 291 juveniles were killed.
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu is sixth in the list with 92 juvenile murders after UP, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Karnataka.
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu is fourth on the list of most missing children in 2019, with 4,519, as per the NCRB data.
 - ✓ Madhya Pradesh had the most number of missing children in the year at 11,022, followed by Bihar (7,299) and Maharashtra (4,562).
 - ✓ In Tamil Nadu, as per <https://trackthemissingchild.gov.in>, 1,086 children went missing in the past one year and 805 children were traced by the law enforcement agencies.
 - ✓ Over the past four years, more than 2,000 children have been rescued in Tamil Nadu under 'Operation Smile,' a central government initiative launched by the state crime records bureau.
- **Nine states - accounted for 84% of all crimes against dalits in India in 2019, according to data just released by the National Crime Records Bureau.**
- ✓ However, these 9 states account just 54% of the country's SC population.
 - ✓ The highest crime rates (number of crimes for every lakh population of dalits) were observed in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Gujarat.
 - ✓ The other states with crime rates above the national average were Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh.
 - ✓ As per the data, the national conviction rate in offences under the SC/ST Atrocities Act was just 32% and the pendency rate of cases an alarming 94%.
 - ✓ There were nearly 46,000 crimes against SCs in 2019, up about 7% from the previous year.
 - ✓ Of these, the nine states having a higher rate than the national average accounted for nearly 38,400.
 - ✓ While Uttar Pradesh registered the highest number, Rajasthan had by far the highest rate of crimes against dalits of almost 56 per lakh SC population.

CRIMES AGAINST SCHEDULED CASTES

State	No. of crimes	Rate
Rajasthan	6,794	55.6
Madhya Pradesh	5,300	46.7
Bihar	6,544	39.5
Gujarat	1,416	34.8
Telangana	1,690	31.1
Uttar Pradesh	11,829	28.6
Kerala	858	28.2
Odisha	1,886	26.2
Andhra Pradesh	2,071	24.5
Haryana	1,086	21.2
Jharkhand	651	16.3
Maharashtra	2,150	16.2
Karnataka	1,504	14.4
Himachal Pradesh	189	10.9
Chhattisgarh	341	10.4
Tamil Nadu	1,144	7.9
Uttarakhand	84	4.4
Delhi	76	2.7
Punjab	166	1.9
Assam	21	0.9
West Bengal	119	0.6
Jammu & Kashmir	2	0.2
India	45,935	22.8

Source: Crime in India, 2019, NCRB

- ✓ Punjab, the state in which dalits account for a higher proportion of the population than in any other, had among the lowest rates of crimes against them
- ✓ Further, Jammu & Kashmir, West Bengal and Assam being the other places with even lower rates among the major states

